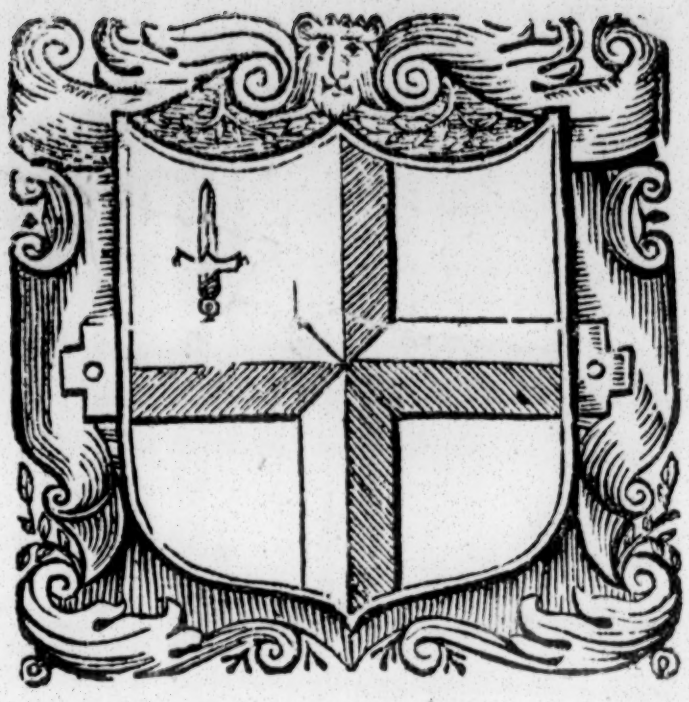
Parſons  Mayor

Martis 23° *die* Februarii, 1730. *Annoque Regni Regis* GEORGII *Secundi, Magnæ Britanniæ*, &c. *Quarto.*

WHEREAS the ſquare Piece of Ground at *Billingſgate*, commonly called *Room-land*, is the ancient Market or Place of Meeting for the Coal-Traders: And whereas the ſaid Coal-Traders and others, Inhabitants of the Ward of *Billingſgate*, have lately by Petition to this Court complained, that they are very much interrupted in their Affairs and Buſineſs there, not only by the Coal-heavers, (who uſed formerly to ſtand without the ſaid Square) and do now pretend an equal Right with the Coal-Traders, and ſo crowd the Place, that the ſaid Coal-Traders are very much interrupted and hindred in negotiating their Affairs there; as alſo by Porters at the time of their ſaid Meeting, carrying Burthens croſs the ſaid Square, and alſo by Perſons ſetting there with Baskets of Fruit, Drams, Gingerbread, Fiſh, and other Things; and that if thoſe Inconveniences cannot be removed, they muſt think of ſome other Place for the better Tranſaction and Management of their Buſineſs: And this Court being inclined, as much as in them lies, to remedy the ſaid Inconveniencies, and to encourage the ſaid Traders to continue their Meetings there, as of old Time hath been accuſtomed; do hereby order and direct the Coal-heavers not to intermix with the ſaid Coal-Traders, but that they place themſelves without the ſaid Square, and not preſume to come therein during their Time of Meeting, from Eight o'Clock in the Morning, till One at Noon; and that during that Time, no Perſon whatſoever be permitted to remain in the ſaid Square with Fruit, Drams, Gingerbread, Fiſh, or any other Thing, to the Interruption and Annoyance of the Dealers; nor ſhall any Perſon during that Time be permitted to paſs over the ſaid Square with any Burthens; and that to prevent the ſame, there ſhall be Chains or Bars put up at proper Places on the Poſts and Rails there. And it is further ordered, That a Bell be rung by ſome Perſon or Perſons to be appointed by the Deputy and Common-Council-Men of the ſaid Ward every Day at Eight of the Clock in the Morning, for beginning the ſaid Meeting; and that immediately after the Ringing the ſaid Bell, all Perſons who ſhall be there ſelling Fiſh, Fruit, Drams, Gingerbread, and all other Things, ſhall be removed out of the ſaid Square, and no Porter or other Perſon, during the Continuance of their Meeting, be permitted to paſs over the ſame with any Burthens, to the Annoyance of the ſaid Coal-Traders; and if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall offend in the Premiſſes, he or they ſhall be proſecuted as the Law directs.

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